

FLETCHER IS ORDERED TO TAKE VERA CRUZ CUSTOM HOUSE; TROOPS MOVING

WILSON ACTS INDEPENDENT OF CONGRESS AS DELAY IN APPROVAL OF COURSE IMPERILS

MEXICAN SITUATION AT 4 O'CLOCK.

Senate still debating resolution approving President Wilson's program in handling Tampico incident.

Troops were preparing to board transports at Galveston, Texas, for Mexico.

Rebel and Federals reported to be holding conferences with a view to joining hands against the common enemy in the event of a land invasion by the United States.

Huerta said to have decided not to offer armed resistance to seizure by United States of customs house at Vera Cruz.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Charge O'Shaughnessy, at the direction of the state department, today advised the foreign diplomatic body at Mexico City to have the people of their nationality leave Mexico.

At 3:20 p. m. Secretary Daniels had "no word" from Vera Cruz. Official circles, without comment, heard that the marines had taken possession of the customs house. It was said Fletcher had been ordered to land no men until munitions of war had been landed.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—There is a report that Fletcher's forces would not be resisted and that the Huerta forces intended to retire to a railroad trestle, 20 miles west of Vera Cruz. Officials refused to discuss the report. At 1 o'clock there was nothing heard from Fletcher.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Brigadier General Charles Bailey will command the first body of troops, if any are sent to Mexico. He will leave for Texas City within a day or two to organize an expedition. Major General Wood, who retires as chief of staff at midnight, will be in supreme command of all troops and will follow Bailey in a few days, if action comes. Bailey is now stationed at Fort Totten, N. Y., in command of the North Atlantic coast artillery.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, APRIL 21.—

THE FIFTH BRIGADE IS READY TO BOARD TRANSPORTS. FOUR INFANTRY REGIMENTS WILL BE REINFORCED BY THE SIXTH CAVALRY, ONE BATTERY OF THE FOURTH FIELD ARTILLERY, COMPANY E, ENGINEERS' COMPANY D, SIGNAL CORPS AND AMBULANCE CORPS. A WIRELESS MESSAGE ANNOUNCED THAT THE TORPEDO BOATS FLUSSER, PRESTON, AND REID WOULD ARRIVE TODAY. THEIR COMING WAS A SURPRISE TO ARMY AND NAVY OFFICIALS HERE.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 21.—THREE HUNDRED MARINES LEFT MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD FOR TIBURON TO BOARD THE COLLIER JUPITER, WHICH WILL TAKE THEM TO THE ADVANCE BASE AT SAN DIEGO.

PENSACOLA, FLA., APRIL 21.—THE BATTLESHIP MISSISSIPPI WITH 600 MARINES AND FOUR AVIATORS WITH HYDRO-AEROPLANES, SAILED FOR VERA CRUZ.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Believing delay in congress was accruing to the advantage of Huerta, President Wilson ordered Admiral Fletcher to seize the Vera Cruz customs house and prevent Huerta getting several million rounds of ammunition and 200 field guns on a German steamer bound for that port, and destined to Mexico City.

The order to Fletcher went out at daylight after the president and cabinet officials had been in conference since 4 a. m., mostly over the telephone. The orders conferred the broadest authority upon Fletcher, and directed, if necessary, that he take the town as well as the customs house. That he should prevent landing of munitions was also ordered.

At noon the cabinet was in session, but there was no word from Fletcher, it was reported. Meanwhile the house and senate reconvened and the senate went to work on the resolution of approval of the president's course.

May Go to Another Port.

Officials here said Fletcher might wait until the German steamer landed its cargo and then take the customs house and munitions, or when the steamer comes to port he might seize the customs, and then if the munitions were landed they would come into possession of the American forces. There is a possibility the steamer might take the cargo to some other port. Word from the admiral was expected momentarily.

Daniels left the cabinet meeting at 12:20, but said it would be "very unwise" for him to discuss Fletcher's orders.

News regarding the Fletcher instructions aroused interest at the capitol. Democratic senate leaders hoped it

would serve to hasten action upon the resolution backing up the president. Republicans prepared to champion the substitute submitted by Lodge, but it was stated the democrats would not accept it, nor would the house leaders approve it.

Refers to 150 Deaths.

Lodge opened the debate. He resented any imputations that republicans were "lacking in proper regard for the lives of the men." One hundred and fifty Americans have perished on Mexican soil. I cannot, in demanding atonement of the insult at Tampico, overlook these outrages. I cannot put in a position where I appear to choose between the factions that today tear Mexico asunder. I cannot join in any resolution that would put the United States in a position of preferring one murderer and cut-throat above another murderer and cut-throat. It is for that reason that the minority committee has presented substitutes for the preamble of the resolution.

Lodge opened the debate by reminding the senators of the responsibility resting upon them. He commended Wilson for laying the situation before congress instead of taking further executive steps. Williams asked how long it took congress to pass the Spanish war resolution. La Follette replied from April 11 to April 19, 1908.

"Expedition here is vital," said Shively, acting chairman of the committee, "because this is an effort to preserve peace and must not be an act of war. It is a plain deliberate assault on our uniform and all our navy stands for," said Shively, referring to the Tampico incident.

Galleries Are Cleared.

Shively said the senators who were anxious for war may wait until "this resolution has been tried as a means of peace."

The Lodge substitute, Williams, democrat said, was a declaration of war against Mexico and Mexican people. "I want the resolution so worded that the world will know it is to be a war on Huerta until either Huerta salutes the flag, or Huerta becomes an American prisoner or Huerta were to die." A wave of applause swept the galleries.

"The sergeant-at-arms will clear the galleries," said the vice president. About one hundred men moved immediately.

The Mexican resolution in amended form adopted by the senate committee will not be opposed by house democrats, said Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee. Bryan asked foreign ambassadors to confer with him at 2:30. It was generally accepted he would advise them of the situation in detail.

The cabinet broke up while the senate debate was on. Several members went to the senate to hear the speeches.

"There is nothing new," said Burleson.

Object to Form of Resolution.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Objection to the form of the resolution passed by the house last night to endorse the president's plans in connection with the Mexican situation prevented action in the senate, and that body, after a spectacular midnight session, recessed until noon today, to take up a substitute measure reported by the foreign relations committee. This foreign relations committee, which administration leaders expected to see adopted after a brief debate and sent to the house for concurrence, would broaden the congressional declaration and eliminate

WASHINGTON, APRIL 21.—WHILE THE SENATE WAS STILL IN DEBATE, SHIVELEY MADE THIS SIGNIFICANT REMARK TO AN INQUIRER: "I STRONGLY SUSPECT VERA CRUZ HAS BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT." HE DECLINED TO AMPLIFY HIS REMARK.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 21.—MAJ. GENERAL BARNETT, COMMANDING MARINE CORPS, ORDERED ANOTHER REGIMENT OF MARINES ASSEMBLED AT PHILADELPHIA FOR MEXICAN SERVICE. THE PHILADELPHIA WAS ALSO ORDERED TO SAIL FOR THAT PORT TO BE READY SUNDAY. IT IS ONE OF THE FASTEST VEHICLES IN THE NAVY. THE BATTLESHIP OHIO IS ALSO BEING OUTFITTED AT PHILADELPHIA. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 21.—AMERICAN FLAGS DECORATING BUILDINGS IN THE MEXICAN QUARTER HERE WERE TORN DOWN BY MEXICANS.

direct reference to Huerta. It also would specifically disclaim any hostility to the Mexican people, or any purpose to make war upon them.

Satisfactory to President.

The language of the amended resolution adopted by the senate foreign relations committee is satisfactory to the president, because it specifically disclaims any purpose of making war on Mexico. The administration expects the house to accept it promptly. At the cabinet meeting this forenoon Mexico was the chief topic. Active preparations for immediate action upon word from the White house continued at the navy and war departments today.

War department officials said there was nothing to indicate necessity of immediate orders for movement of troops.

Resolution Passed in House.

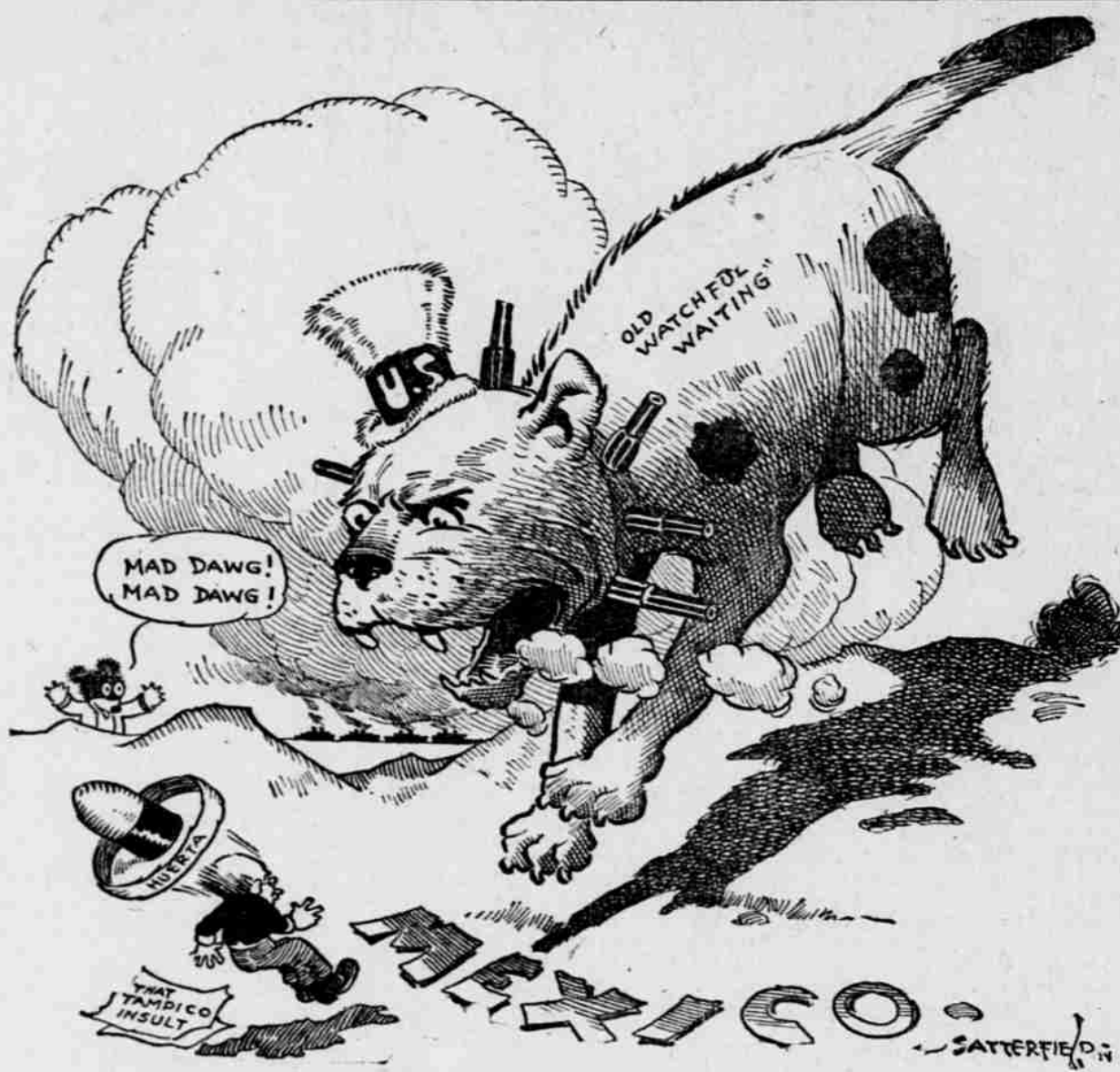
Following is the text of a joint resolution passed by the house by a vote of 337 to 37:

"A joint resolution justifying the employment of the armed forces of the United States in enforcing certain demands against Victoriano Huerta: That the president of the United States is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce the demands upon Victoriano Huerta for unequivocal amendments to the government of the United States for affronts and indignities committed against this government by General Huerta and his representatives."

Action by the army and navy of the United States to force Huerta to salute the flag was held up early this morning through opposition in the senate to the form of the joint resolution approving President Wilson's purposes, as it passed the house last night. A recess of the senate was taken at 12:28 a. m. until noon today. The president, while stating in his message to congress that he had full constitutional authority to act, is waiting for congress to express its approval before ordering Tampico and Vera Cruz to be seized and other steps taken looking to reparation for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico.

President Wilson had retired early,

WHEN UNCLE SAM LOOSENS THE CHAIN



THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday; probably showers; cooler Wednesday; shifting breezes. Temperature at 7 a. m., 50. Highest yesterday, 54. Lowest last night, 45. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 12 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 45; at 7 a. m., 56. Stage of water, 3.9; a fall of .2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS. Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter, Planet Mars, in constellation Gemini, forming a line with the twins Castor and Pollux, distant from the latter 7 degrees south. Seen in the evening west-southwest.

PEORIA SUFFERS \$400,000 BLAZE

Three Blocks of Cattle Feeding Barns Destroyed Together With 3,000 Animals.

Peoria, Ill., April 21.—Fire last night swept over three blocks, destroying the cattle feeding barns and a block of baled hay belonging to the Nelson Morris company.

Six thousand head of cattle were housed in the sheds, and it is estimated that 300 of the were burned. The others were turned loose, and many with hides scorched raced through the streets in the stock yards district. One bunch of 50 plunged into the Illinois river and swam to the opposite shore. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

MEXICO INVASION PLEASES FRANCE

Long Embarrassed by Difficulty of Protecting Interests of its Citizens.

Paris, France, April 21.—The French foreign office, it is understood, regards the Mexican action by the United States with a feeling of relief. The French government has been long embarrassed by the difficulty of protecting French interests there and considers the present phase of the situation must end in constitutional law and order.

London, England, April 21.—"Leader" writers in the British newspapers again busied with the Mexican situation today. The Manchester Guardian, organ of the English peace party, said: "Wilson is wrong in refusing to recognize Huerta and resulting interven-

tion will put Pancho Villa in the position Huerta now occupies. This is not an attractive prospect, for Villa has in higher degree every fault Wilson found with Huerta."

The London Globe, in a declaration that military operations will not be against the Mexican people, but against Huerta, said: "We have the root of the weakness of Wilson's policy. He undertakes to say who does and who does not represent the Mexican people. That is a pretension to which there is not other issue than annexation or a protectorate as valid as that now exercised in Cuba."

KARCH IS WINNER OF ATTORNEYSHIP

Springfield Man Is Nominated by President for the Eastern Illinois Berth.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—The president today nominated Charles A. Karch of Springfield to be federal attorney for eastern Illinois, and John F. Bradley of Chicago to be marshal for northern Illinois.

TEN ARE DEAD IN COLORADO CLASH

Quiet in District After 14-Hour Fight Between Strikers and State Troops.

Trinidad, Colo., April 21.—The hundred of armed strikers who yesterday battled 14 hours with state troops in the Ludlow district had disappeared this morning and quiet prevailed about the strikers' demolished tent colony. There are five identified dead, and it is believed at least five more fell.

Among the dead are: A. MARTIN, militiaman. LOUIS TIKAS, leader Greek strikers.

Only one of the 200 tents of the Ludlow strikers' colony remained standing today. Husbands were separated from wives and mothers lost their children last night in a mad rush for safety that followed the firing of the tents.

Frank Snyder, aged 12, was killed in a tent while attempting to save his baby sister.

Three women and a number of children, possibly ten, were smothered to death in the fire that swept the colony, according to union headquarters, and confirmed by militia headquarters. This indicates a death list of 18.

Carpenter Will Meet Smith Soon.

London, April 21.—Georges Carpenter, the French champion signed a fight for a twenty round contest with "Gunboat" Smith for a stake of \$25,000 offered by Dick Burge, and a side bet of \$2,500. The fight is to take place in this city some time in June.

REBELS TO BE WITH HUERTA IF IT'S A WAR

Blockading of Ports Regarded as National Matter Affecting All.

AMERICANS MOVE OUT

Many Depart From Chihuahua on Advice of United States Consul Fletcher.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, APRIL 21.—GENERAL BLANQUET SAID: "IN DUE TIME, IF NECESSARY, RESERVES WILL BE CALLED TO COLORS, AS WILL EVERY CITIZEN OF MEXICO." THE CAPITOL IS QUIET.

LAREDO, APRIL 21.—IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY REPORTED THAT FEDERAL OFFICERS OF NUEVO LAREDO GARRISON, BEARING A FLAG OF TRUCE, WENT DOWN THE RIVER YESTERDAY TO PARLEY WITH REBEL OFFICERS. COALITION OF FEDERALS AND REBELS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WAS SAID TO BE THE OBJECT.

Chihuahua, Mexico, April 21.—Consul Fletcher notified Americans in the state of Chihuahua to leave the country.

El Paso, Texas, April 21.—Six Americans, eight Germans, nine Frenchmen and several women arrived here from Chihuahua, having accepted Consul Fletcher's advice to leave. Letcher, they said, was endeavoring to get Americans out quietly and was being assisted by Carranza.

They held the belief that in Chihuahua would be unable to remain out of the Huerta-Washington complications and that rebel leaders feel that the blockading of Vera Cruz and Tampico would be a national matter affecting the honor of every Mexican, regardless of political affiliations.

In the clubs and cafes rebel sympathizers said the common enemy must be met by a united country. Carranza made no definite announcement. In El Paso constitutionalist sympathizers were unanimous that not Huerta alone, but national Mexican honor was at stake.

Rebels Squeeze Brewery.

Juarez, Mexico, April 21.—A smelter and brewery at Monterey have fallen into the hands of rebels, who began an attack yesterday. The German consul here has been instructed to get his subjects out of the district of Mexico.

NEW BATTLERS IN SHAPE FOR FIGHT

New York, April 21.—A large quantity of ammunition is being stowed away on the New York and Texas, the two largest super-dreadnaughts in the world. Both are new and are expected to be on duty in southern waters soon. The New York sails for Cuba Sunday.

BOSTON BROKERS' FIRM IN A FAILURE

Boston, Mass., April 21.—The suspension of the brokerage firm of Gay & Sturges was announced on the stock exchange. The firm dealt extensively in Lake Superior copper mining shares.

STUDENTS READY TO TAKE UP ARMS

Appleton, Wis., April 21.—One hundred Lawrence college students, ready to enlist, paraded the streets last night headed by a banner inscribed "To hell with the man who insulted the flag."

KING GEORGE AND QUEEN IN FRANCE

Paris, France, April 21.—King George and Queen Mary arrived for a three days' visit as guests of the French government. The main streets were decorated with garlands of evergreens intertwined with flags of both nations.